Table 7.F3.—Number of persons receiving special Supplemental Security Income payments and extended Medicaid coverage, for selected months, 1982-98

Reporting month	Special SSI cash payments (section 1619(a))		Continuation of Medicaid coverage only (section 1619(b)) ¹	
	Number	Percentage change over prior report month	Number	Percentage change over prior report month
December: ²				
1982	287		5,515	
1983	392		5,165	
1987	14,559		15,632	
	19,920	36.8	15,625	
1988				16.0
1989	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8
1990	13,994	-45.5	23,517	28.8
1991	15,531	11.0	27,264	15.9
1992	17.603	13.3	31.649	16.1
1993	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5
1994	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3
1995	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5
1996	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4
1997	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0
	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1998	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1996				
March	27,018	-3.7	45,594	-3.0
June	28.707	6.3	48,590	6.6
September	29,422	2.5	51,484	6.0
		5.7		.8
December	31,085	5.7	51,905	.0
1997				
March	31,146	.2	48,194	-7.1
June	32.954	5.8	52.646	9.2
September	33,496	1.6	56,872	8.0
	34.673	3.5	57,089	.4
December	34,073	3.5	57,089	.4
1998				
March	34,637	1	54,639	-4.3
June	35,528	2.6	55.761	2.1
September	37,216	4.8	58,183	4.3
_ : .				2.3
December	37,271	.1	59,542	2.3

 $^{^1}$ Includes blind participants. For December 1998, of the 59,542 participants, 1,067 were blind. 2 Data not available for December 1984, 1985, 1986.

Note: In January 1990, the SGA level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a).